

Form Letter	Comment Text
17	<p>I understand that you are revising the long-term plan for the Great Divide. In the past, too much emphasis has been placed on oil and gas development on these lands, and there has not been enough protection for native wildlife and wild places. I urge you to put conservation first and adopt the Western Heritage Alternative, which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withdraw proposed wilderness for oil and gas development.</li> <li>• Require “No Surface Occupancy” (NSO) for oil and gas development in crucial big game winter ranges and calving sites, mountain plover habitat, floodplains, prairie dog colonies, near raptor nests, and within 3 miles of sage grouse leks.</li> <li>• Grant new Wilderness Study Area protection for qualifying lands like those in Adobe Town, Wild Cow Creek, the Ferris Mountains, and the Pedro Mountains.</li> <li>• Minimize coalbed methane impacts, and require CBM water to be re-injected to protect aquifers and rare fishes.</li> <li>• Mandate minimum-footprint directional drilling for all projects to reduce environmental impacts.</li> <li>• Maintain livestock grazing at ecologically sustainable levels to prevent overgrazing.</li> </ul>

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